

more for England than for any other country." Then with intense emphasis: "I ADOBE ENGLAND!" I said that this was a stronger statement than I myself would be willing quite to make, but that I was very glad he felt so, because I believed that the English, Germans and Americans ought to be fundamentally in accord; and that nothing would so make for the peace and progress of the world. He answered that he entirely agreed with me; and then continued to speak of England with a curious mixture of admiration and resentment. From an experience I had had with him at the time of the Russo-Japanese peace, of which I think I wrote to you, I had grown to realize, very much to my astonishment, that he, the head of the greatest military empire of the day, was as jealously sensitive to English opinion as if he were some parvenu multimillionaire trying to break into the London social world; and this feeling was evident in his talk. He complained bitterly that Englishmen of high social position never visited Berlin, but, when they came to the Continent, always went to Paris, or some watering place, or else to the Mediterranean. I could not well answer by telling my real thoughts, which were that Berlin, though admirable in the same sense that Chicago and Glasgow are admirable, was not much more attractive than either to the people of whom he spoke. I am convinced that it would make a real difference in the Emperor's feelings if occasionally some man like Londonderry, who has

done something, at least, titularly, in politics,  
and possesses  
great wealth and high social position, would  
take a house  
in Berlin for six weeks during the season.  
Evidently the  
Emperor, and indeed the leaders of the North  
Germans  
generally, feel towards the English and at  
times even to-  
wards the French, much as the Romans of  
the Second  
Punic War felt towards Greece—a mixture of  
overbearing  
pride in their own strength, and of uneasiness  
as to whether  
they really are regarded by cultivated and  
well-bred people  
as having the social position which they ought  
to have. The  
Emperor actually listens to gossip as to  
what is said of